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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the drawings:

Add Figure 2A (copy enclosed).

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REMARKS

Applicants have added Fig. 2A to the figures in this application. Applicants believe that this amendment does not add new matter because this figure was included in U.S. provisional patent application 60/257,757, which was incorporated by reference into the present application when the present application was filed. (See U.S. provisional patent application 60/257,757 (copy enclosed as Exhibit A) and the transmittal letter for the present application (copy enclosed as Exhibit B)).

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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Assembly Drawing Top View

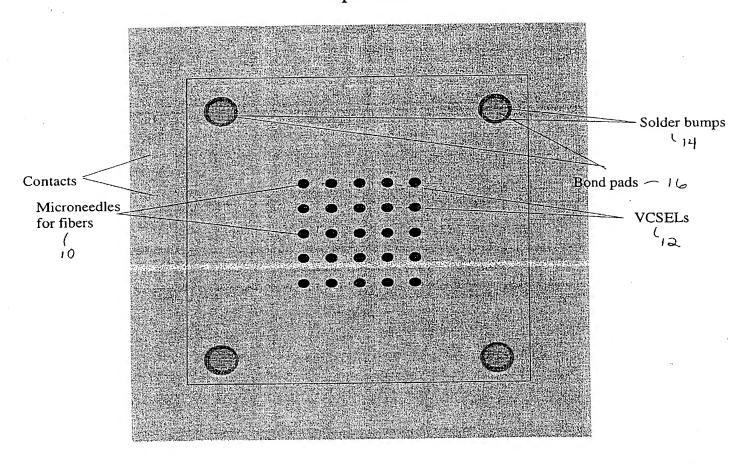


Figure 2A